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TAGS: ETRD, NL

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY DUTCH OFFICIAL REACTION TO US TRADE BILL

1. ECON/ COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON MINECON DIRECTOR OF MULTI-LATERAL AFFAIRS VAN WIJK TO GET GON REACTION TO TRADE BILL. HE FOUND VAN WIJK SURROUNDED BY HIS STAFF EYEING WITH FURROWED BROWS PAGE 1 OF THE BILL WHICH HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED A FEW HOURS BEFORE. THEIR CONFUSION CENTERED AROUND ALTERNATIVE FORMULAE FOR PHASING OF TARIFF REDUCTIONS. AS EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED COPY OF BILL, ECON COUNSELOR WAS UNABLE TO CLARIFY THIS CLAUSE FOR DUTCH
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OFFICIALS AT FIRST SIGHT. IT WAS AGREED THAT VAN WIJK WOULD SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO EMBASSY ON ALL POINTS WHICH THEY FIND UNCLEAR.

2. IN MORE GENERAL TERMS VAN WIJK SAID GON FINDS NO PROBLEM WITH MAIN FEATURES OF TRADE BILL. DUTCH OFFICIALS HAD BEEN EXCELLENTLY BRIEFED BY UNDER SECRETARY CASEY, AMBASSADOR MALMGREN AND OTHERS (FOR WHICH THEY WERE MOST GRATEFUL) AND FOUND BILL BE BE MUCH AS ADVERTISED. THEY APPRECIATE POINT THAT PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF BILL IS TO GIVE PRESIDENT BROAD LATITUDE IN NEGOTIATIONS AND THEY AGREE IN PRINCIPLE WITH OUR POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EC MAN-DATE PROVIDED FOR COMPARABLE FLEXIBILITY. VAN WIJK ALSO AGREED WITH POINT MADE BY ECON COUNSELOR THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EC TO AVOID PROVOCATIVE RHETORIC OR ACTIONS (SUCH AS CAP FOR SOYBEANS) DURING PERIOD WHEN TRADE BILL IS UNDER DEBATE IN CONGRESS.

3. VAN WIJK PROMISED MORE SPECIFIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS AS SOON AS HIS STAFF HAS HAD A CHANCE TO ABSORB BILL IN DETAIL. IN MEANTIME EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR FIVE COPIES OF BILL BY AIR POUCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

DECON APR 16, 1974.

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